

## IN THE CLAIMS

1. (Original) A method of determining if a use of a particular unit is fraudulent comprising the steps of, monitoring the use of said particular unit, for a plurality of times that said unit is used, to collect statistics concerning the use of said particular unit over a time period having a specific length to establish a normal usage pattern for said particular unit, said pattern being established over a plurality of uses of said unit, determining if more than a predetermined deviation exists between the use of said unit during a second period of time and said normal usage pattern, taking a first type of action if said deviation is below a first value, taking a second type of action if said deviation is above said first value.
  
2. (Original) A method for preventing unauthorized use of a particular unit comprising the steps of, monitoring the use of said particular unit to collect statistics to establish a normal pattern of use of said particular unit, said pattern of use and said monitoring covering a first period of time having a specific length and covering a plurality of times said unit is used, determining if there is more than a predetermined deviation between the use of said particular unit and said normal pattern of use during a second period of time having a length equal to said specific length, taking a first type of action if said deviation is below a first value, taking a second type of action if said deviation is above said first value.

3. (Original) A computerized system for preventing fraudulent use of a particular item, first means which monitors use of said particular item to collect statistics over a first period of time having a specific length to establish a normal pattern of use of said particular item, said specific length covering a plurality of uses of said item, second means which determines if there is more than a particular amount of deviation between use of said particular item during a second period having a length equal to said specific length and said normal pattern of use, whereby a first type of action is taken if said deviation is below a first value, and a second type of action if said deviation is above said first value.
4. (Currently Amended) The system recited in claim 3 wherein said first means is a computer program.
5. (Original) The system recited in claim 3 wherein said second means is a computer program.
6. (Original) The method recited in claim 1 wherein said statistics are collected by a computer program.
7. (Original) The method recited in claims 1 wherein said determining step is done by a programmed computer.
8. (Original) The method in claim 2 wherein said unauthorized use is fraudulent.
9. (Original) The method recited in claim 2 wherein said collecting and determining are performed by a programmed digital computer.

10. (Original) A method of providing security for a particular item including, monitoring use of said particular item to collect statistics over a first period of time having a particular length to establish a normal pattern of use of said particular item, said pattern covering a plurality of uses of said item, determining if there is more than a predetermined deviation between the use of said particular item during a second period of time having a length equal to said particular length and said normal pattern of use, taking a first type of action if said deviation is below a first value, taking a second type of action if said deviation is above said first value.